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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I write you in reference to the recent settlement between Microsoft and the Department of Justice. I have been opposed to the government's intervention in Microsoft's success from the very beginning. It seems ridiculous to have the government protesting against the whole aspect of free enterprise, when free enterprise is exactly what America has been founded on. More than this, it is puzzling to see, even after Microsoft has complied with the settlement, that there may be even more delays in this process.

I urge you to support this settlement in its current form, and hope you will stop any further actions against this agreement. As our economy weakens, it is evident that we have to support our technology industries. As our IT sector stands by and waits for the government to allow this process to move forward, the global market is sailing past us. That is why if we allow the terms of this agreement to speak for themselves, then we would benefit the consumer, the technology industry, and our economy as a whole.

Let's not be the ones to slow down the growth of our own economy. Let's make sure that this agreement is pushed forward and allowed to take hold. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

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